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Mr. George H. Bush Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, DC 20505

Dear Mr. Bush:

The security of nuclear, chemical and conventional arms and ammunition continues to be a matter of great concern within the Department of the Army (DA). During the past year, DA reviewed the measures employed to protect this material to determine appropriate measures to upgrade the overall security. As a result, it was determined that closer coordination with local, state and Federal police and intelligence agencies was desirable to obtain the most timely information possible concerning the threat to the security of these items. Based upon a knowledge of the threat, commanders will be better able to plan for their protection.

To facilitate the gathering of pertinent threat information, the specific elements of information at attached inclosure were developed. It is requested that any such information obtained by your organization concerning nuclear, chemical or conventional arms or ammunition be provided the nearest local US Army Criminal Investigation Command field office, located on all major Army installations, and the Commander, US Army Intelligence Operations Support Detachment, Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence (OACSI), Washington, DC 20310 (telephone (202) 693-0937/0934).

Due to the potential damage which could be incurred by the possession of these items by criminals or terrorist elements, I ask for your personal assistance in ensuring continuing coordination and close cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely Yours,

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Colonel, Go Chairman, DA Physical Security Review Board

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ASSESSING THREAT TO ARMY
NUCLEAR, CHEMICAL AND CONVENTIONAL ARMS AND AMMUNITION

- 1. Threats by groups, organizations or individuals to steal nuclear arms/ammunition, lethal chemical agents and/or munitions, or conventional arms and ammunition.
- 2. Identification of groups, organizations and individuals having both the knowledge/experience to attempt such a theft (i.e., ex-servicemen or Department of Defense employees; persons with chemistry education or chemical industry experience, etc.) and the inclination (criminal background and/or affiliation with a terrorist, extremist or hostile cause).
- 3. Information pertaining to paragraphs 1 and 2, above, should include number of personnel involved, possible armament, location of base of operations and whether terrorist or criminally oriented.
- 4. References to nuclear, chemical or conventional arms and ammunition made during interviews or interrogations. Attempts should be made to determine motive for obtaining these items (criminal, terrorist or hostile intelligence), extent of planning involved, modus operandi to be employed, location of target Government facility, identification of "inside" accomplices and any prior affiliation of conspirators/perpetrators with a Government lethal chemical facility.
- 5. Any other information obtained indicating a potential threat to these items.

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